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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Good Luck



Good luck to all of our Year 11 and 13 girls who now go on study leave for their GCSE and A level exams. Our very best wishes to all the girls.

Mental Health Awareness Week and Exam Preparation

MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS WEEK
8-14 MAY 2017
#MHAW17



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the school has been undertaking initiatives to support both staff and students. The school is always conscious of the importance of wellbeing and it is embedded in our daily running of the school, however national campaigns are always

an opportunity to reinforce our messages. Next week the girls in Years 7-9 will all be making individual anonymous pledges and writing them on bunting which we will put up in a communal area of the school. The Year 10-13 girls will all be viewing and discussing the Prince William/Lady Gaga conversation about getting rid of the stigma of mental health issues and starting the conversation.

With the public and internal school exams about to commence it is a timely opportunity to reinforce the messages that the girls have been discussing in their PSHCE lessons; fixed quality sleep patterns, regular breaks, some fresh air and down time are all as important as the crucial revision. Below are some links that parents and girls alike may find useful:-

<https://youtu.be/-RZ86OB9hw4>

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-benefits-of-a-good-night-s-sleep-shai-marcu>

<https://youtu.be/jVNXiGdyuYs>

<https://youtu.be/9Ke4480MicU>



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Head Girl Team and House Captains



Tuesday saw our annual flag raising ceremony, complete with a brand new St Mary's school flag, which represents the formal handing over of the Head Girl Team responsibilities. The new team is Lizzie, Head Girl, and her deputies Georgie and Maddie. The House Captains are Libby, Alice, Amy and Lauryn. Congratulations to all of the girls; they have big boots to fill, but we are confident that the new team will rise to the challenge.



Year 13 Leavers Assembly



In keeping with St Mary's tradition, our Year 13 students ran the last assembly that they attend at the school. It was a lovely assembly that showcased their progression through the school; many of the girls had started in Nursery or Reception. The photographs demonstrated what fun the girls have had over their years in the School; cooking, hiking, school trips, socialising, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and so much more. It encapsulated the breadth of an education at St Mary's that is much broader than just lessons. There were messages from the teachers, who all agreed that this year group had been such fun and will be hugely missed. We wish all of the girls good luck as they move into the wider world of university and careers.

Sainsbury's



Don't forget to hand in any Sainsbury's vouchers that you have collected to a member of the PE department.



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SENIOR HOUSE NEWS

Year 10 Model United Nations Debate



On Friday our Year 10 Model United Nations Group went to their first conference, which was held at the Aylesbury Vale District Council offices. They are debating the topic "Illegal Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons".

Model United Nations (MUN) is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to broaden their debating skills. It is an educational simulation in which students learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. The participants assume the role of national ambassadors or representatives to debate and seek to solve global issues. Great preparation for future careers.

Congratulations (again) to Jess for Media Success

Year 13 Jess has been shortlisted for the second year running for the MediaMag Production Competition, she is one of the five students shortlisted for the Short Film section, which means she will be attending the Awards screening at the BFI Southbank on 5th July. Last year she won the Film Opening section.

You can watch Jess's film at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUXCemo_d08



PREP DEPT NEWS

Early Years Cinderella Tea Party

Great fun in Early Years as the girls enjoyed a Cinderella tea party with their parents. This was the final stage in their exploration of the story of Cinderella, they loved reading it, discussing it and of course sharing the tea with their parents!





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Year 1 Science Fun

This week in Science Year 1 have been learning about mountains, hills and valleys. The girls looked at photographs and came up with their own sentences to define these natural features. One of the facts that they learnt is that a hill has to be over 300m high before it is considered a mountain. To reinforce their learning they had a fantastically messy time making hills, mountains and valleys in the sand and with shaving foam.



Golf Taster Day

Last weekend a few of our Prep girls Kate, Megan and Lily in Year 5 attended a national initiative at Wexham Park Golf Club. It is the 'Girls Golf Rocks' which is working to encourage girls into the game. They enjoyed a Taster session which attracted over 35 girls and met local Ladies European Tour Professional, Annabel Dimmock, who kindly came along to co host the event. Annabel was inspiring and showed the girls some basics of how to aim and hold the clubs before they experienced some golf on the short game area.



OTHER NEWS

Chiltern Music Academy

Orchestras take note

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Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th May
Royal Grammar School 5 - 8.30pm

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